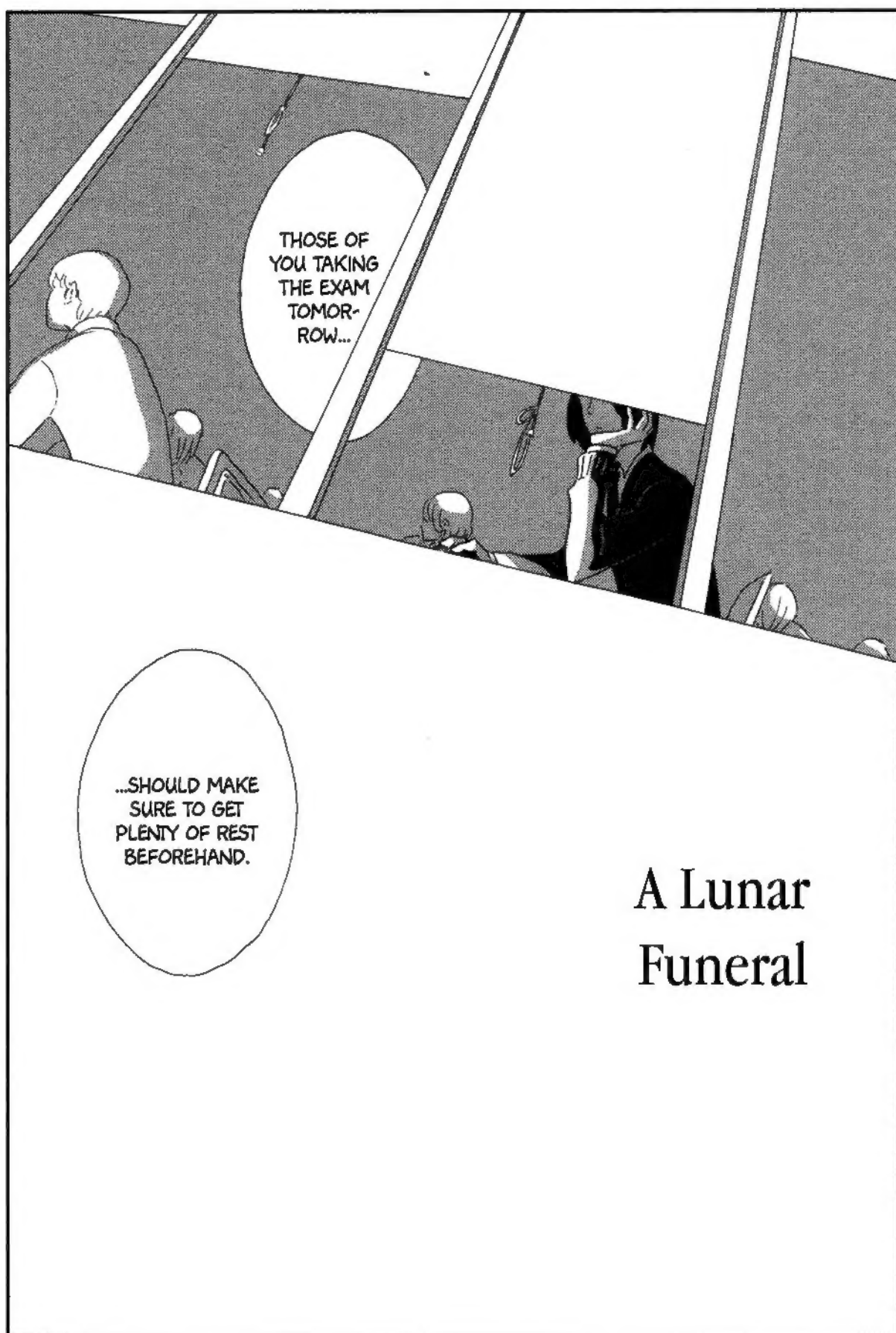




*Lovely Strange Dark*

**25-JI NO VACANCES**  
**"A 25-HOUR VACATION"**  
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**STORY 4**

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THOSE OF  
YOU TAKING  
THE EXAM  
TOMOR-  
ROW...

...SHOULD MAKE  
SURE TO GET  
PLENTY OF REST  
BEFOREHAND.

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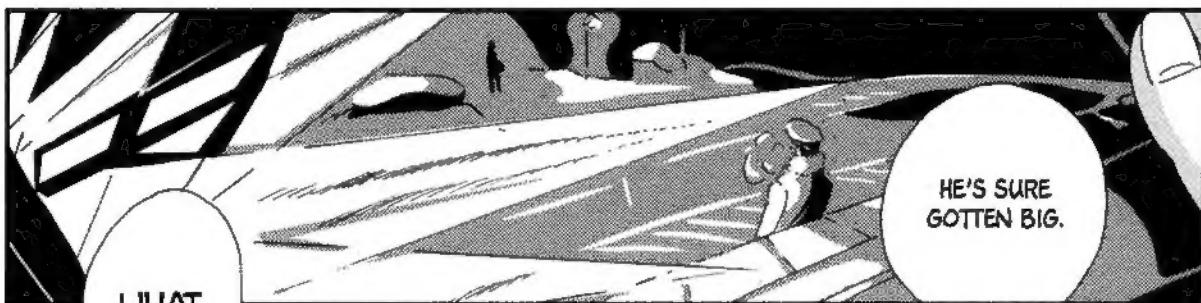
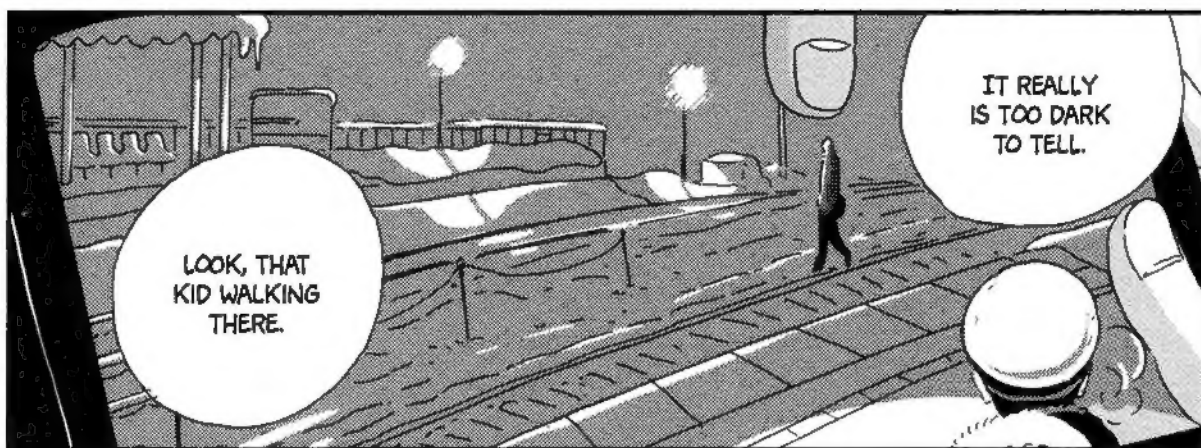




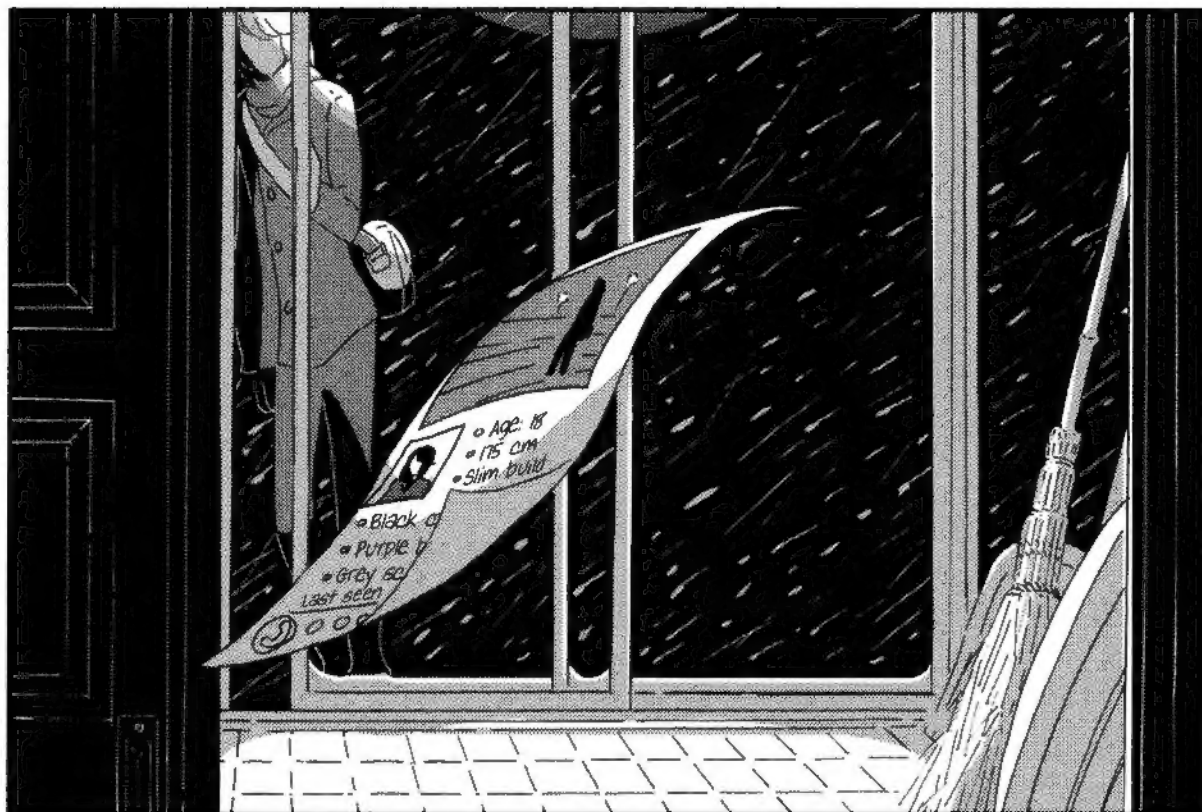






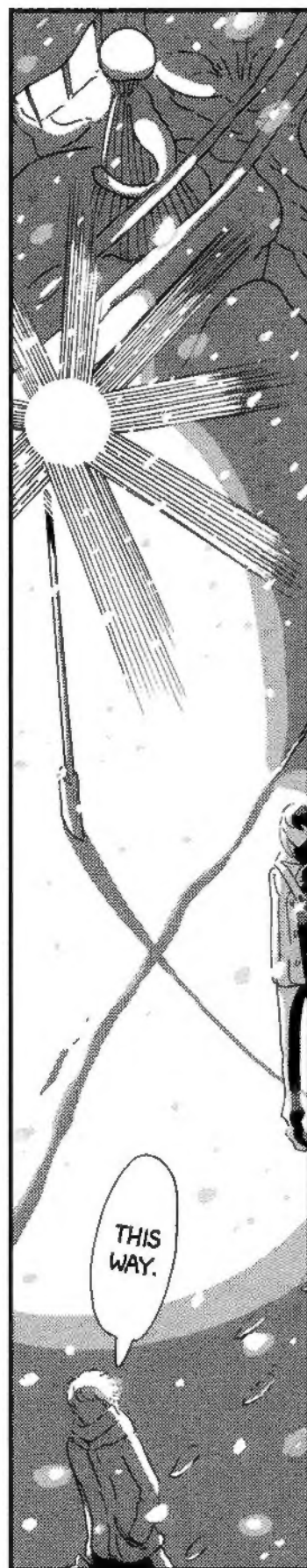


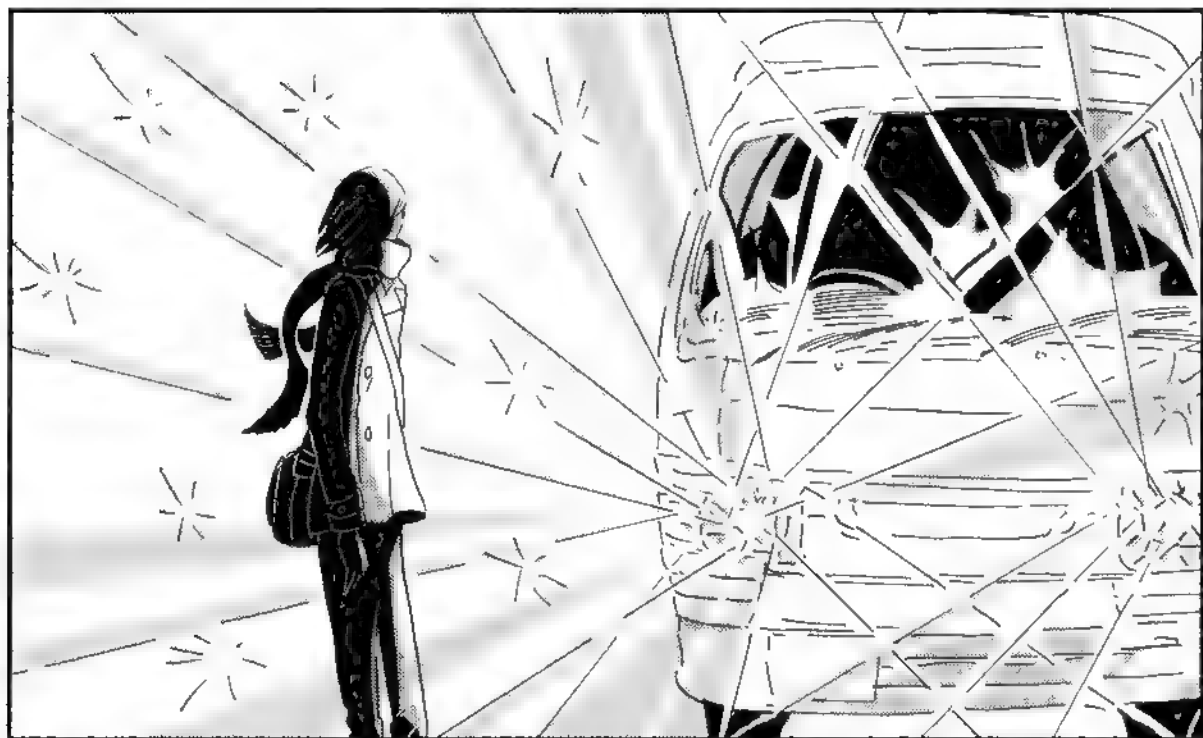






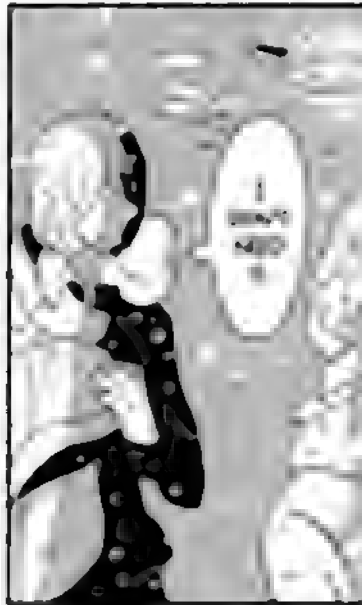


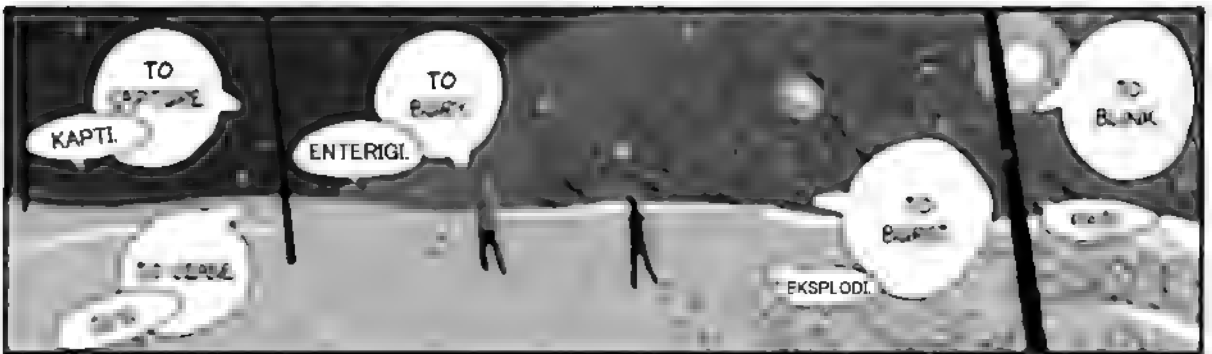
















AND  
WOULD  
NEVER  
DO IT  
AGAIN.



ON THE DAY  
OF MY EXAM,  
I TOOK THE  
WRONG TRAIN.



IF I  
KEPT  
GOING  
LIKE  
THAT,

I'D WIND  
UP AS JUST  
ANOTHER  
CLOUD OF  
DUST.

SO IT'S NO  
SURPRISE I  
FELT SUFFO-  
CATED AND  
STARTED TO  
LOSE IT.



ANYONE  
COULD  
GUESS.

STUDYING,  
MY PARENTS'  
EXPECTA-  
TIONS...



I KNOW  
THEY'D TREAT  
ME LIKE I  
WAS SICK.

I WAS PLANNING  
ON GOING HOME  
AFTER THE EXAM  
ENDED, BUT...

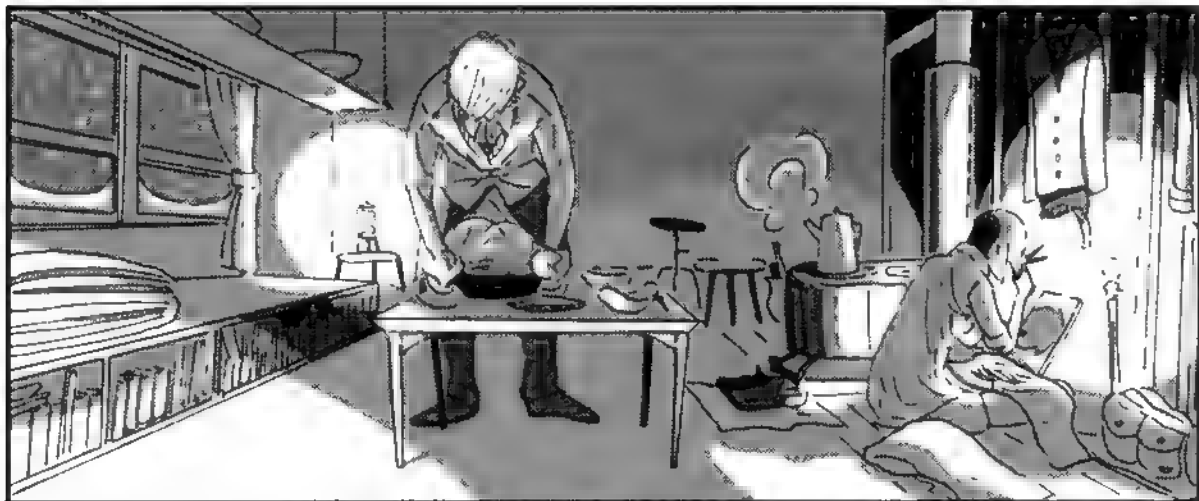
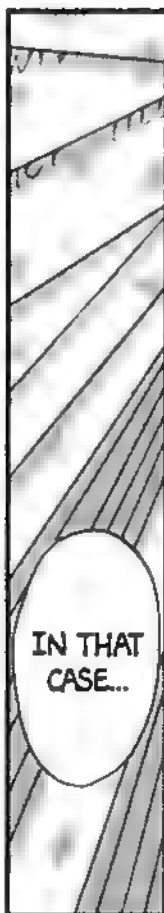


LONELY  
AND SUF-  
FERING,

UNTIL I  
REALIZED  
THE ERROR  
OF MY  
WAYS.

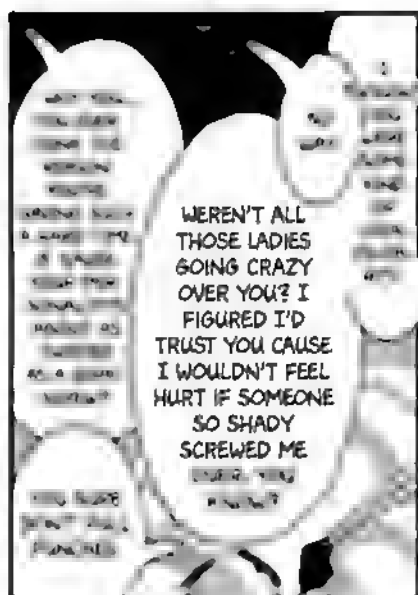
SO I FIGURED  
I SHOULD AT LEAST  
WANDER AROUND  
IN SOME HELLISH  
PLACE,

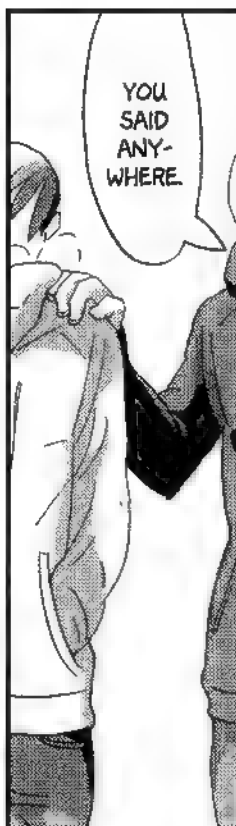






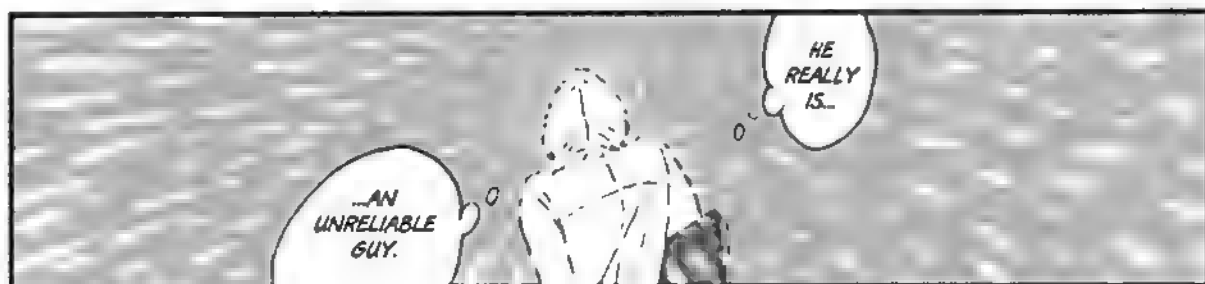
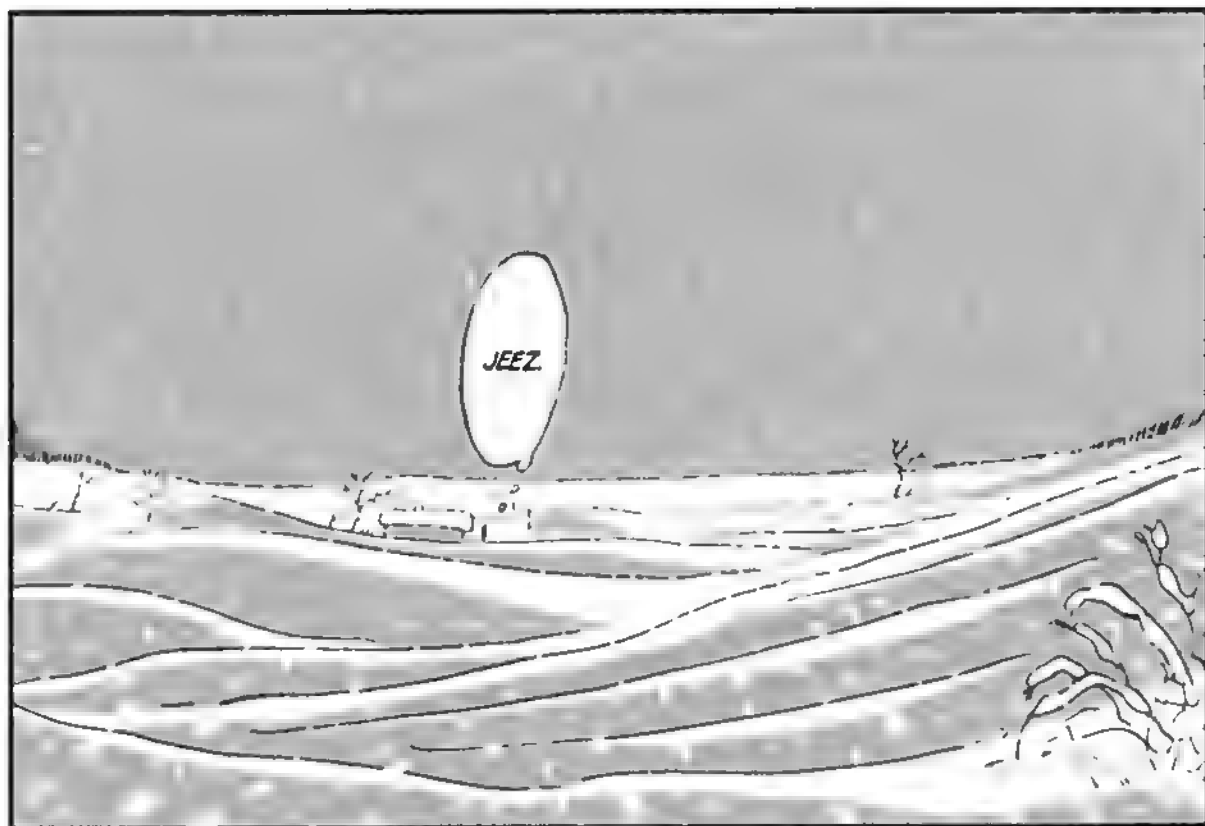












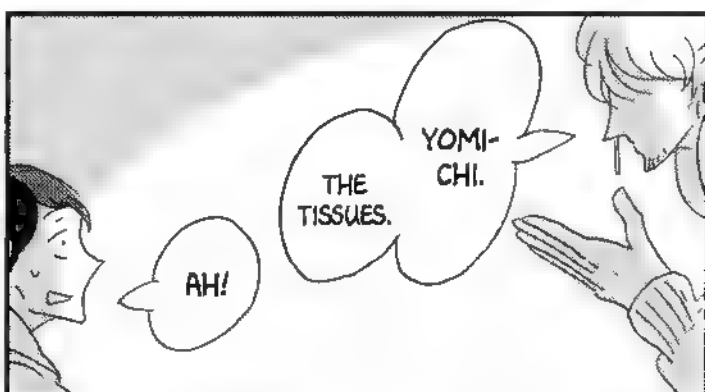
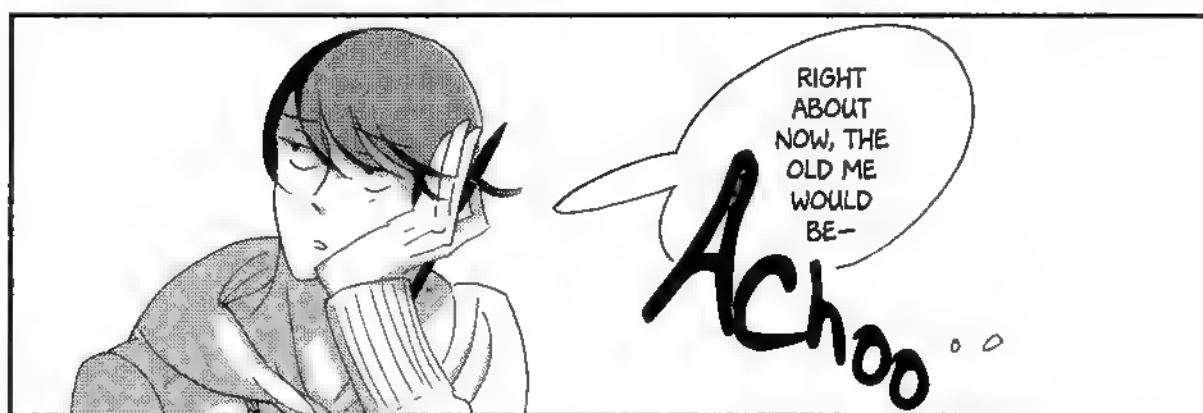


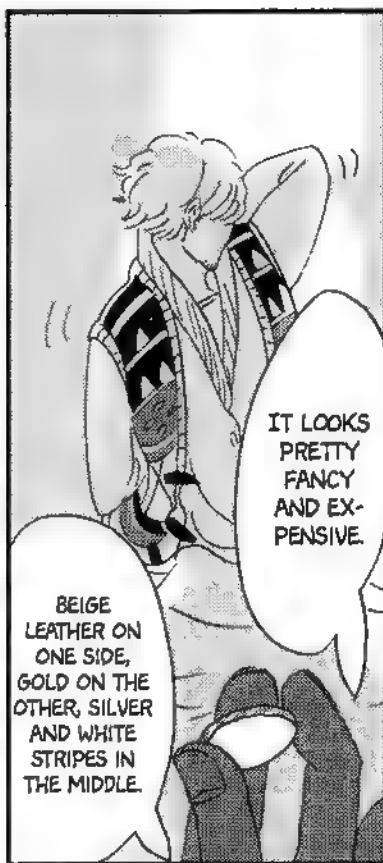
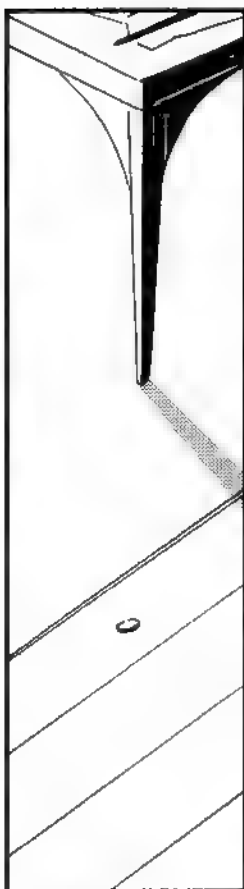


















I REALLY CAN'T HEAR YOU.

DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THERE WERE PEOPLE ON THE MOON? IF YOU'RE GONNA LIE TO ME, AT LEAST GO WITH SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE THIS SOLAR SYSTEM.

THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.



I'M TELLING YOU

EARTHLINGS CAN'T GET IT.



IN NO TIME AT ALL, YOU'D BE NOTHING BUT ORGANS.

IT DOESN'T PROGRESS AS FAST IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

...BUT BY THE TIME I REALIZED THAT, THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE LEFT.



WE HAD A CIVILIZATION 400 KM BELOW THE SURFACE. WE EXTRACTED OXYGEN, HYDROGEN, HELIUM, METALS, ALL THE MINERALS FROM THE SURFACE. OUR TECHNOLOGY WAS A LITTLE AHEAD OF EARTH'S, WHICH IS WHY WE WERE NEVER DISCOVERED.

BUT THIS DISEASE STARTED TO GO AROUND. IT MAKES THE SKIN HARDEN AND FALL OFF.



WELL, YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.

WHAT, SO YOU WEREN'T FEEDING THEM THIS STORY? JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE A LITTLE SMART AND PERSONABLE

AND ELEGANT AND GENTLE-NATURED, YOU GO AHEAD AND CLAIM YOU'RE A PRINCE?

WHY, REALLY.

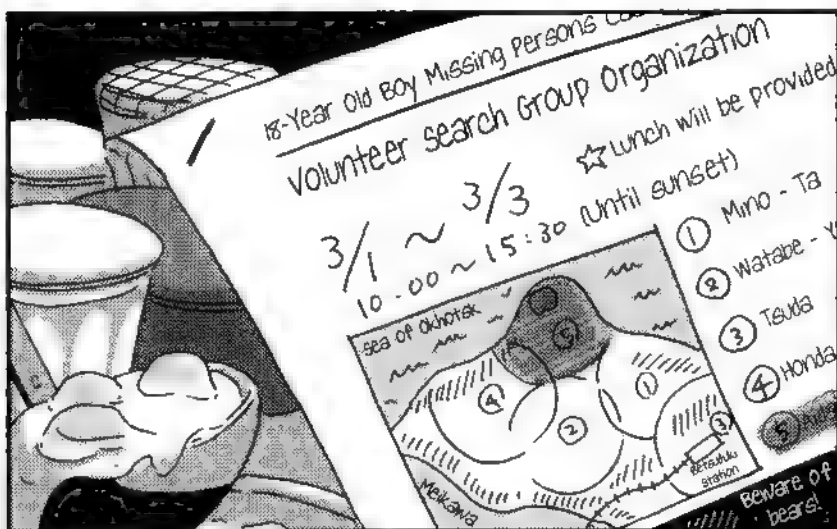


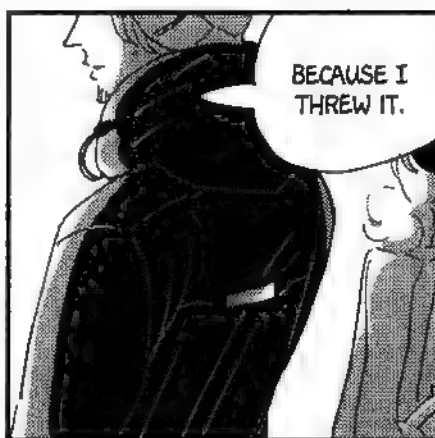
ALL THAT NEIGHBORHOOD GOSSIP ABOUT MY BEING A CONVALESCING PRINCE IS TRUE.

I WONDER HOW THEY KNEW.



YOU OUGHT TO BE NICER TO YOUR BROTHER.



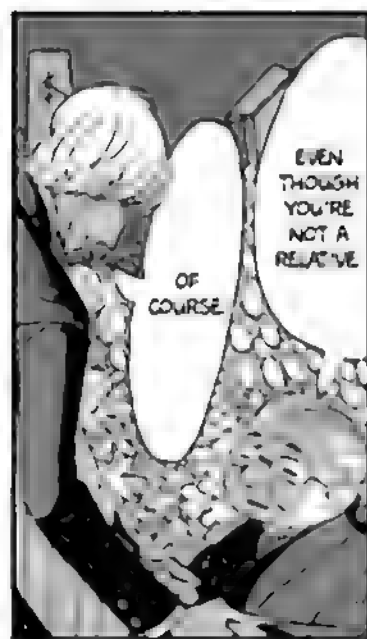
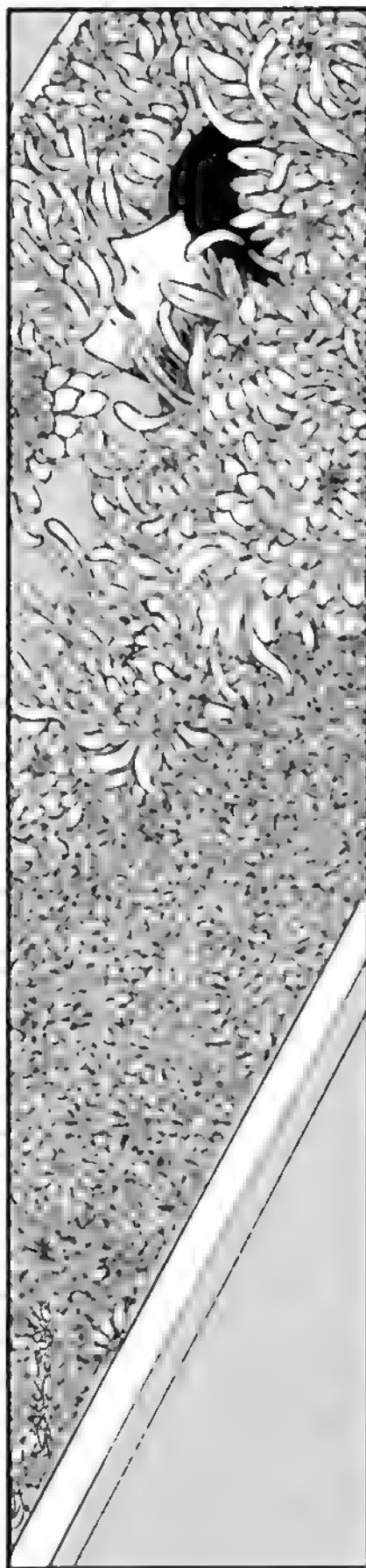


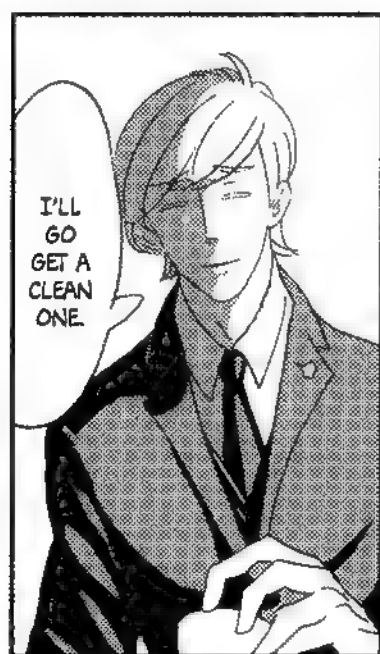
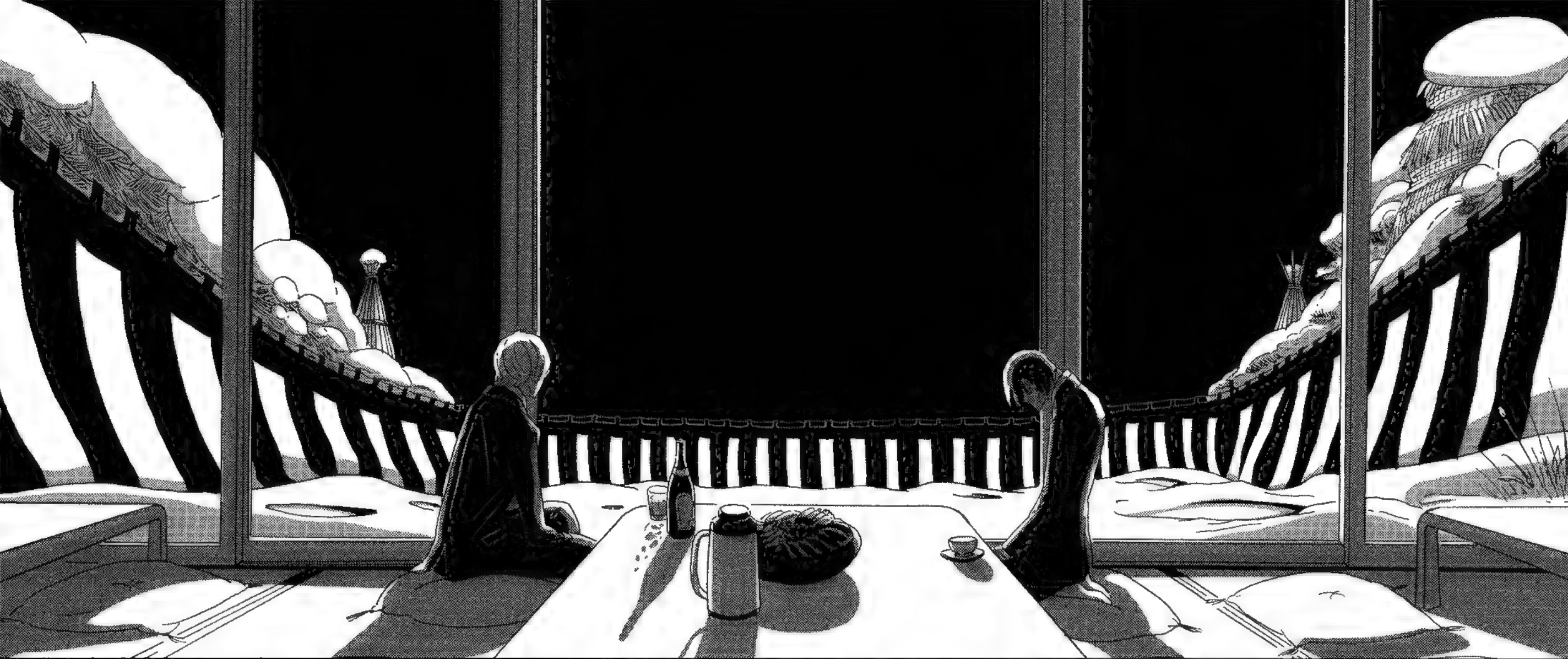








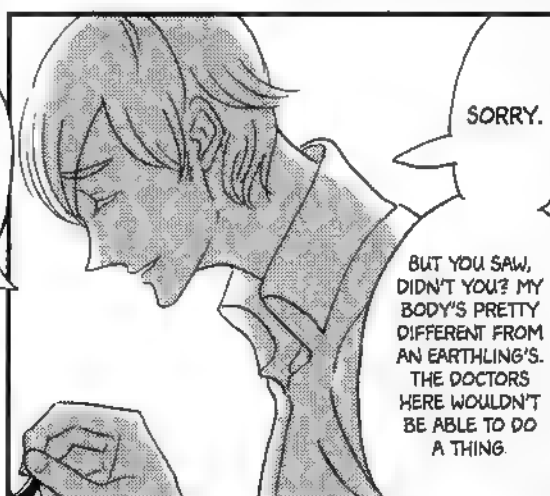
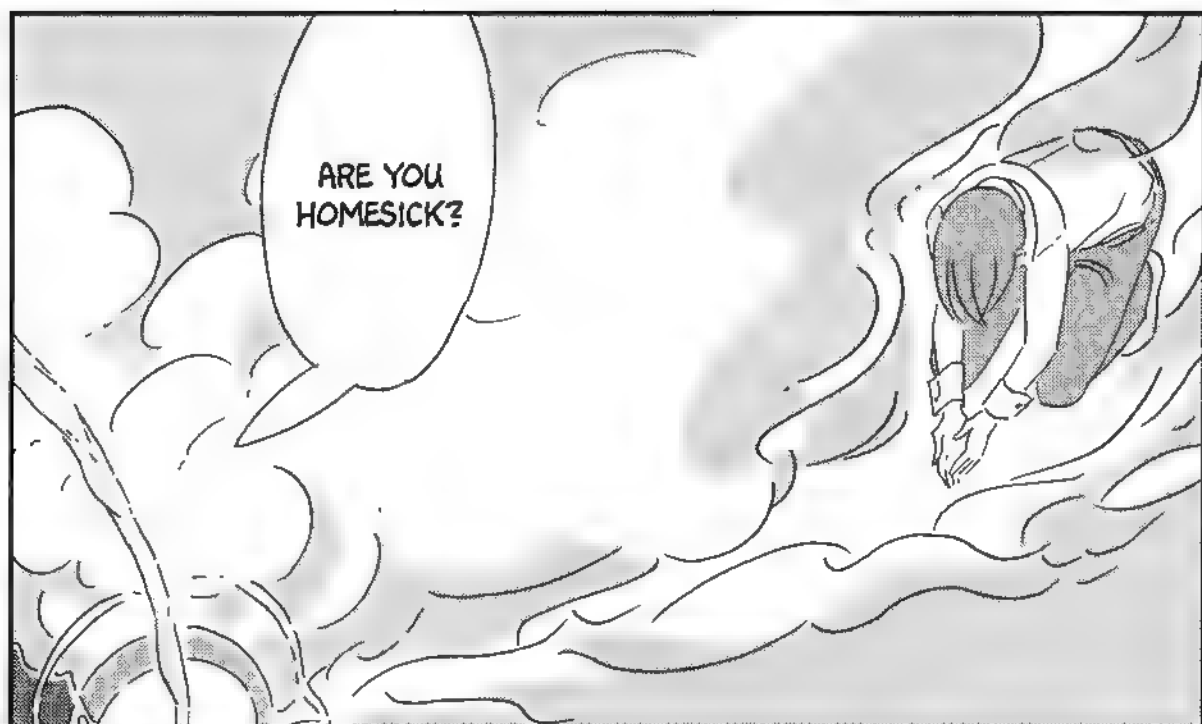




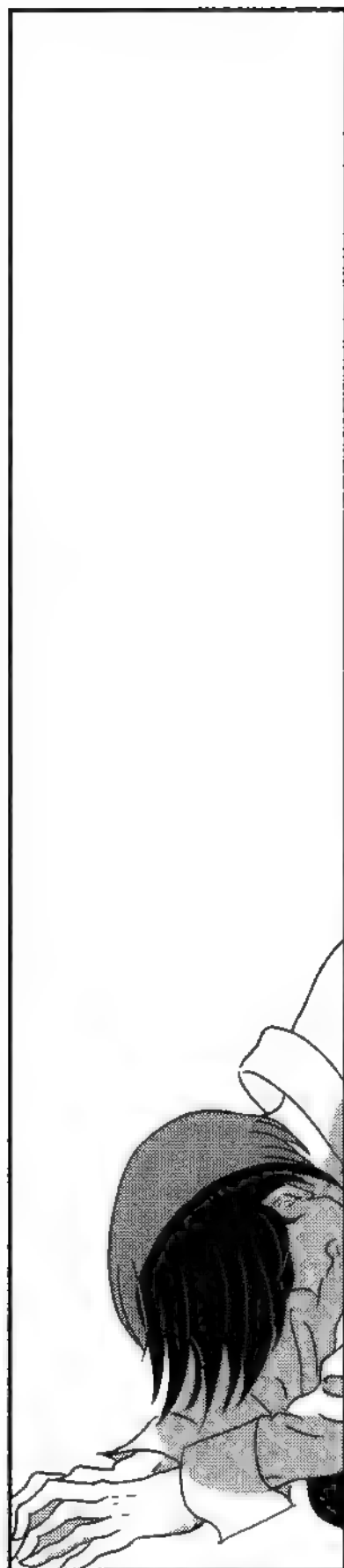
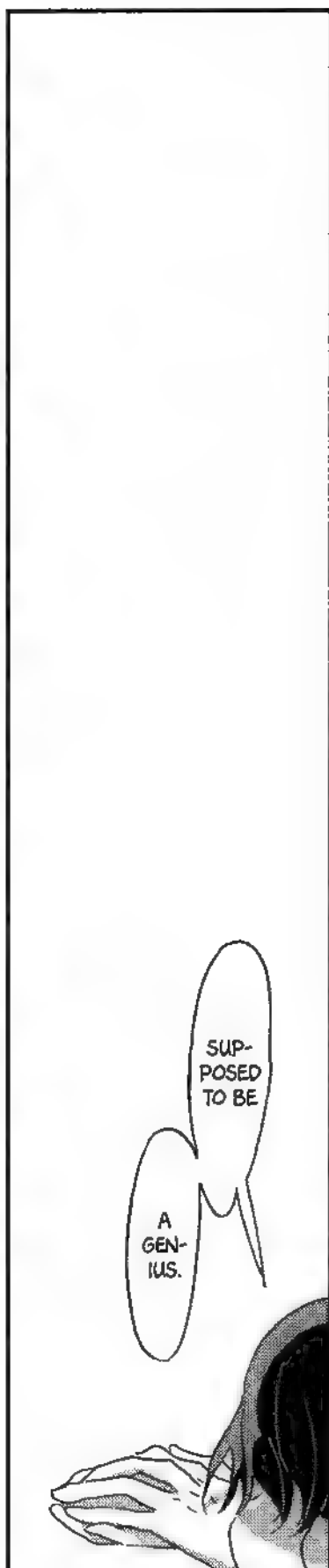




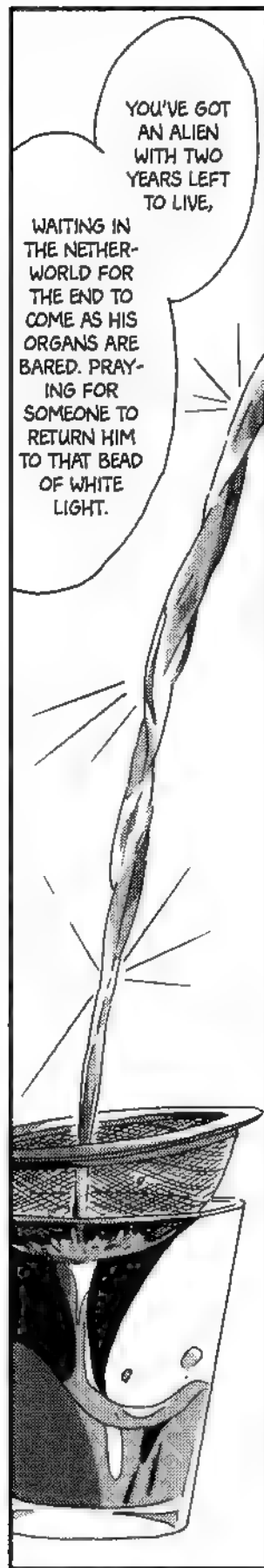
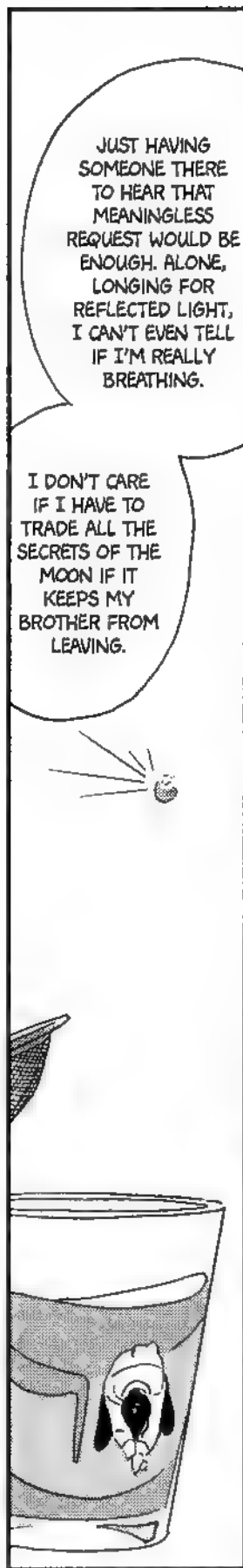
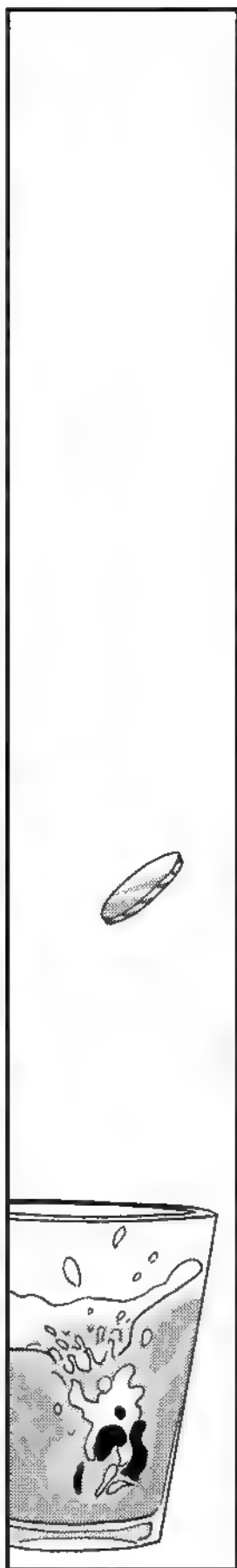




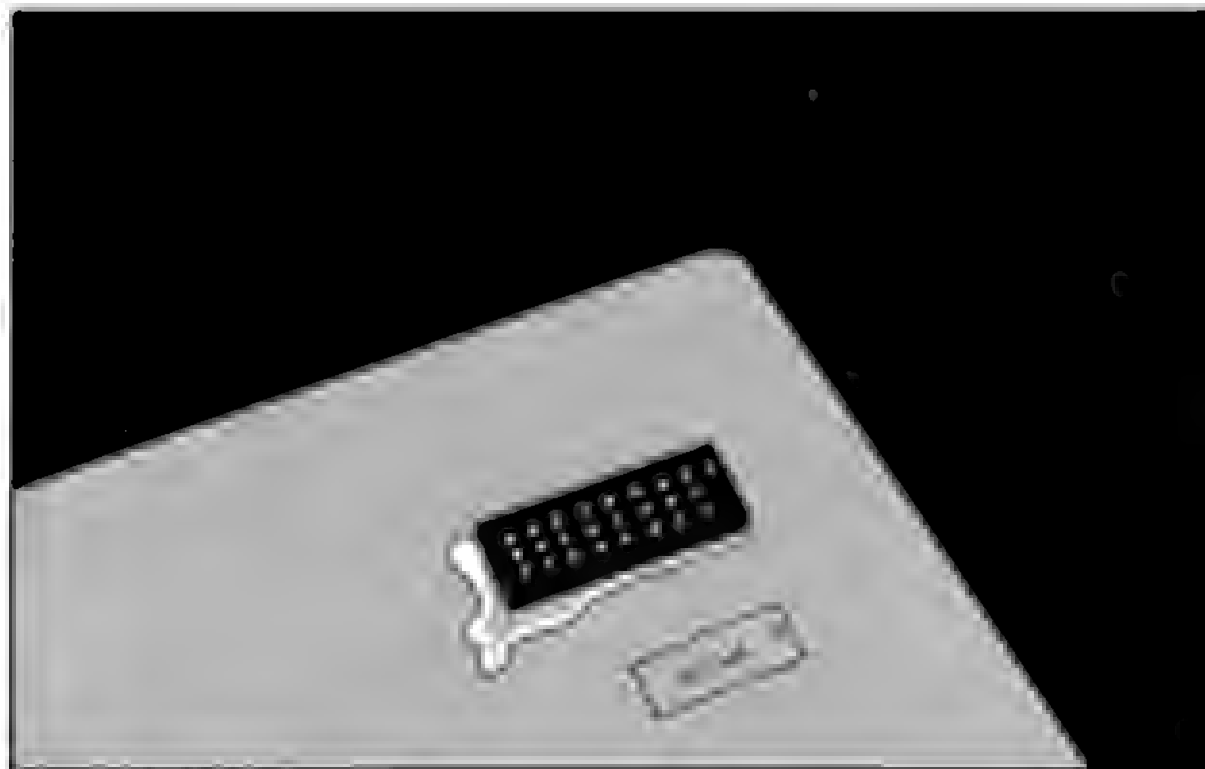


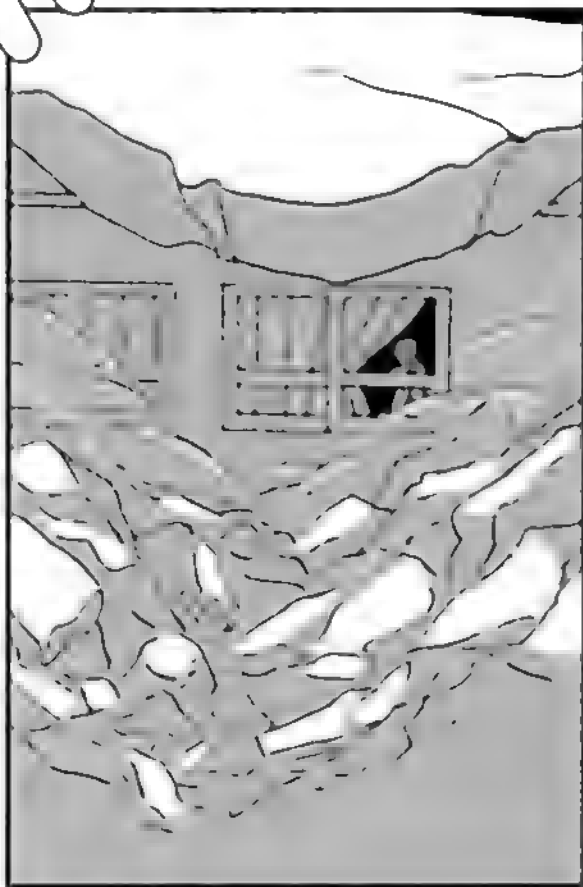
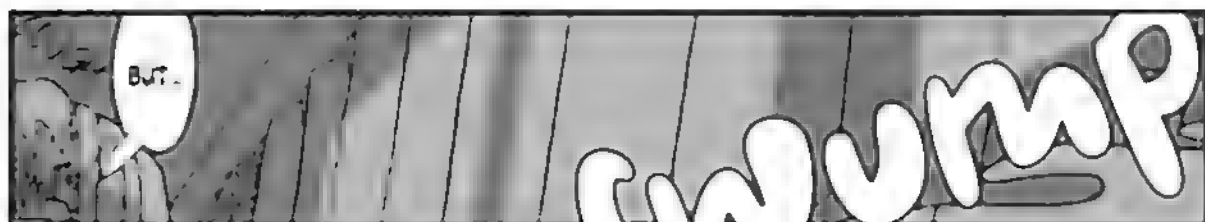
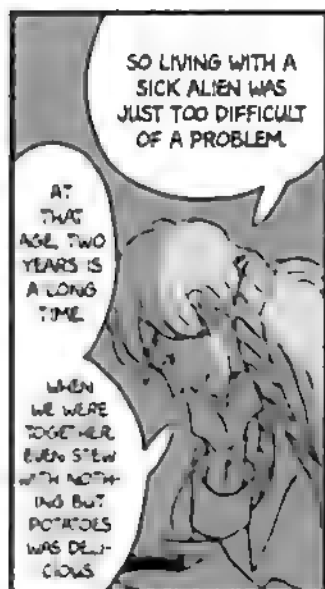


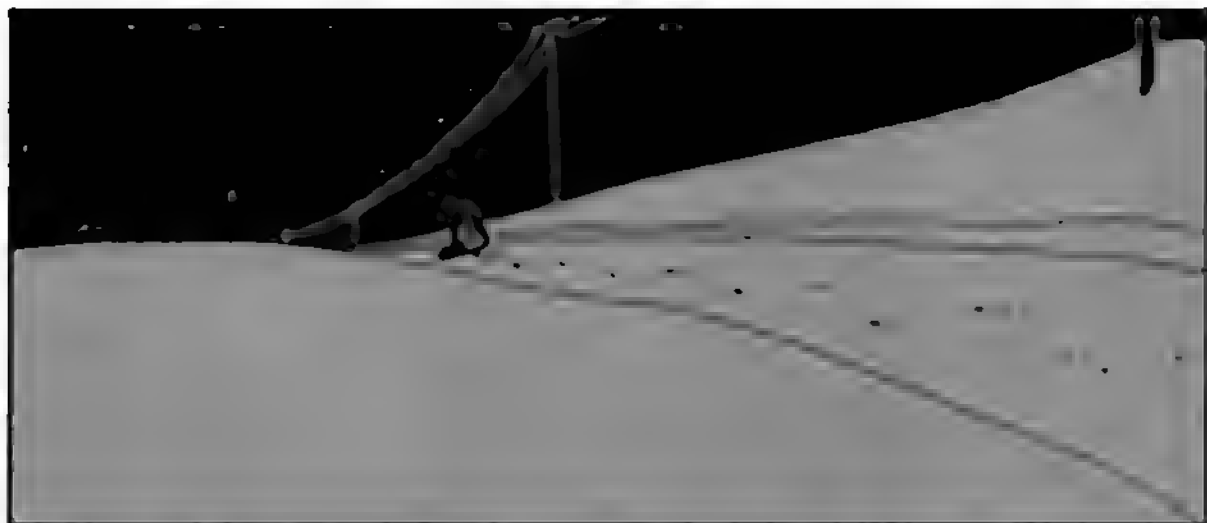




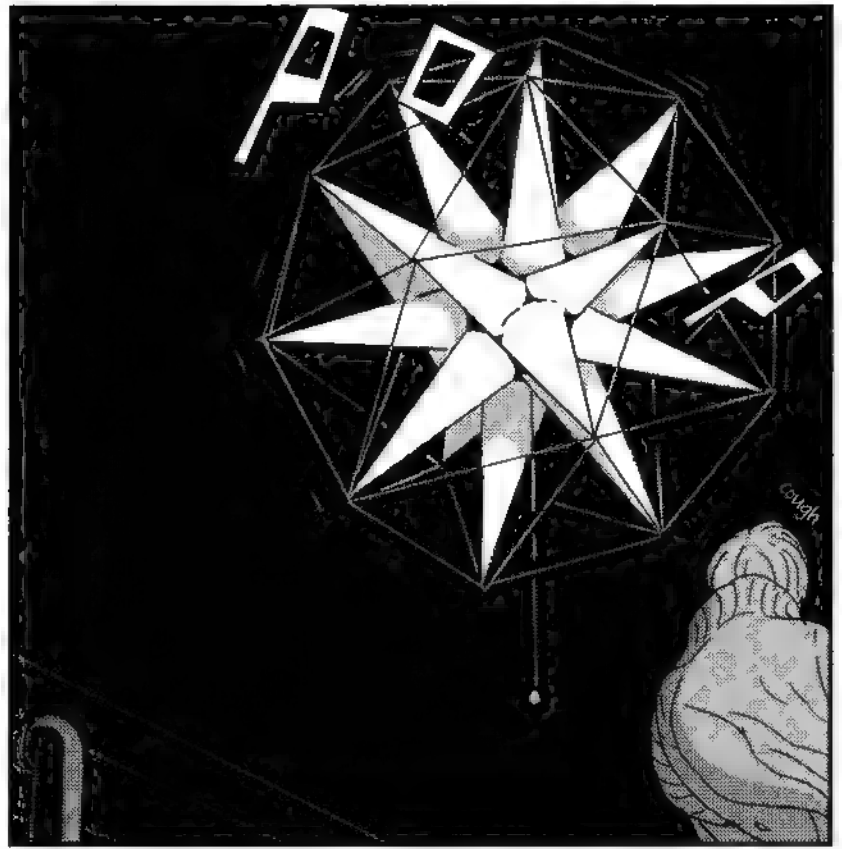
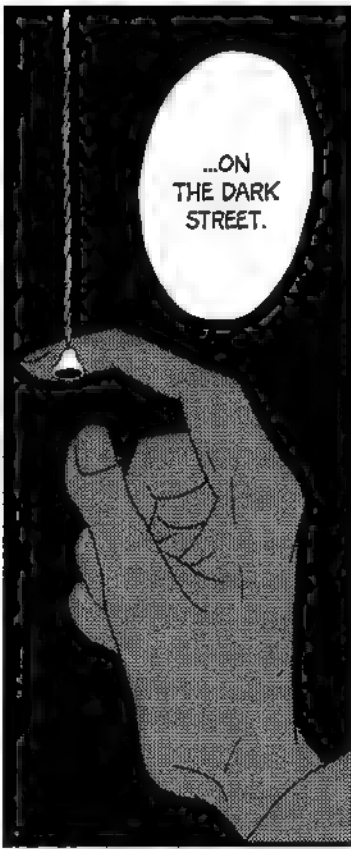


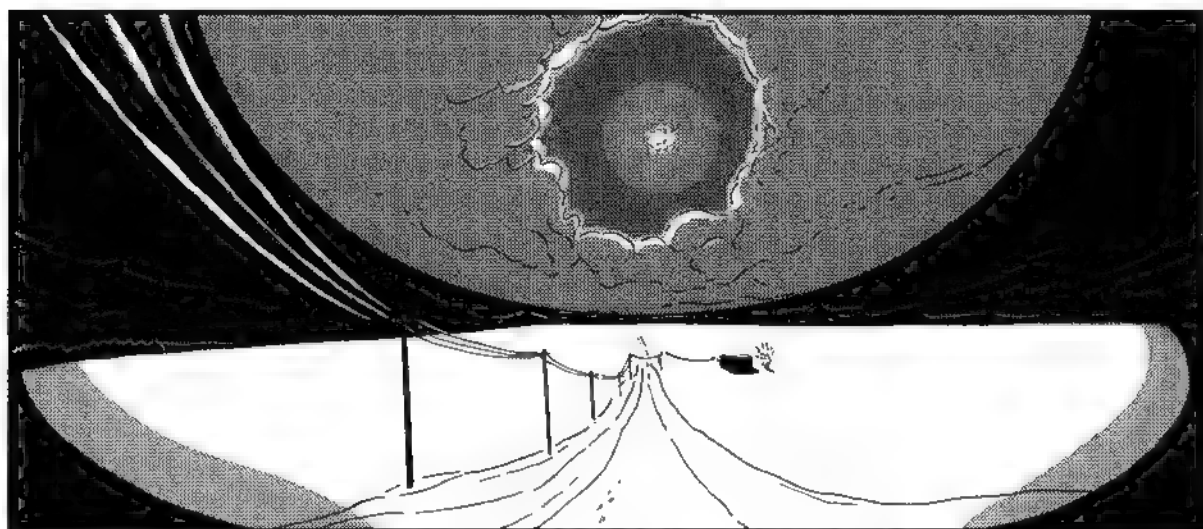


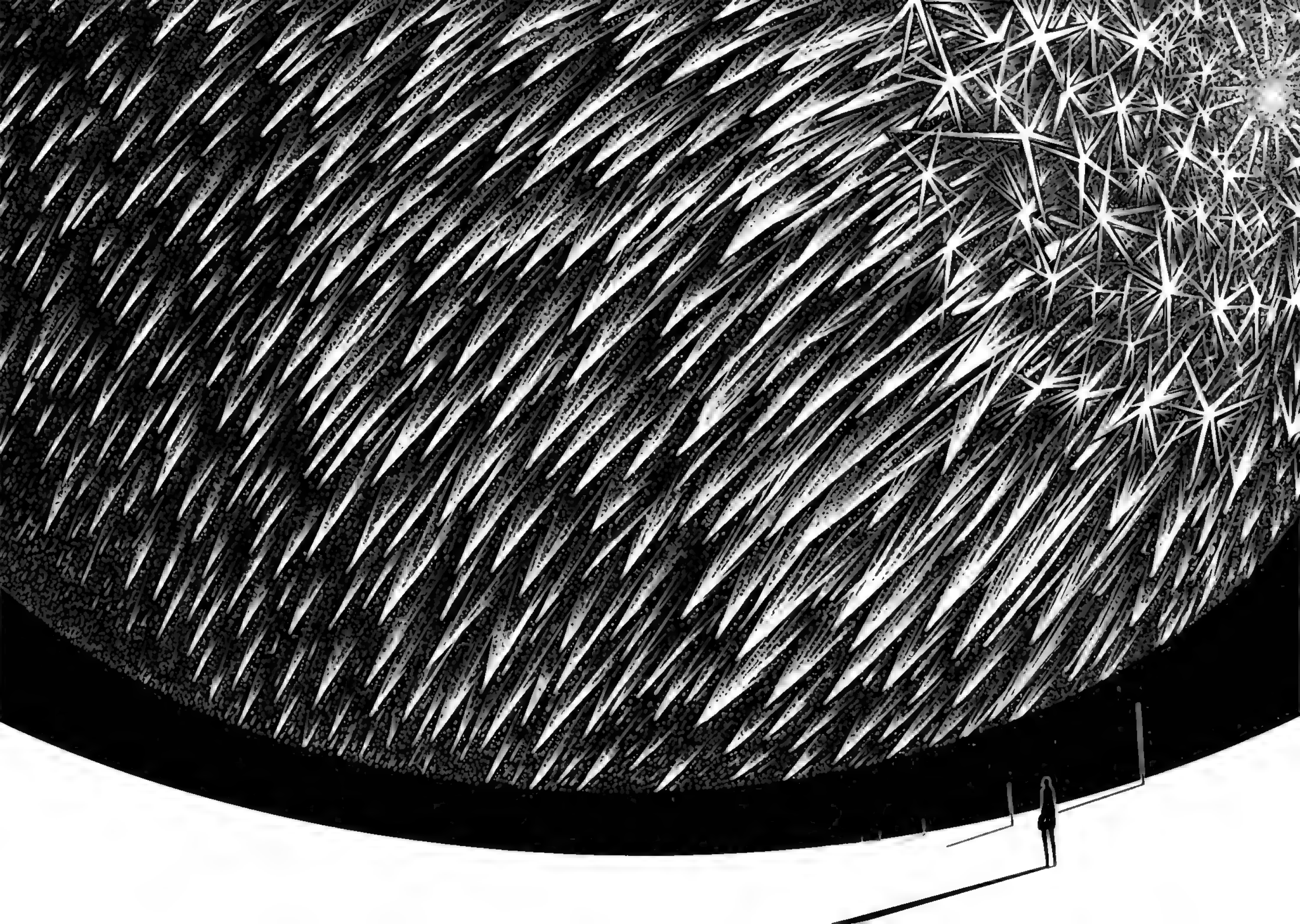












WHAT  
AN IDIOT.

UNRELI-  
ABLE

AND  
GONE IN  
A FLASH.

WANTING TO  
RETURN TO  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT...

